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Budget and Appropriations Update -- Last month we reported that the appropriations process was in full swing in the House, with two spending bills slated for floor debate and another waiting in the wings. The House has since passed those two bills—Military Construction-VA and Legislative Branch—as well as the Commerce-Justice-State spending bill. Currently waiting in the queue are the Transportation-Housing, Agriculture, and Homeland Security appropriations measures. The Defense bill was approved in subcommittee May 30 and the Agriculture bill on May 29. If this pace continues the House *could* complete its work on all 12 government spending bills by the summer recess in August. The one exception may be the Labor-HHS-Education bill, which is always politically controversial, but more so this year because the subcommittee chairman overseeing this bill, Rep. Jack Kingston (R-GA), is in a hotly contested run-off race for the Senate.

In the meantime, the Senate appropriations committee cleared the way for its spending bills when it approved, in a party-line vote, top-line spending levels, known as 302(b) allocations, for its spending bills. Those allocations adhere to the overall \$1.014 trillion spending limit agreed to in last December's budget deal. That agreement set a cap of \$521.3 billion for defense and \$492.4 billion for nondefense programs.

The allocations, which were developed by the panel's chair Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), drew fire from GOP members who questioned the use of budget "gimmicks."

The backroom dispute centers on a \$4.2 billion difference over what will be the government's net earnings in 2015 from the roller-coaster world of mortgages insured by the Federal Housing Administration. The president's Office of Management and Budget predicts a better than 9 percent earnings rate on FHA premiums; the Congressional Budget Office was more cautious at 5.3 percent. To avoid having to cut domestic spending by \$4.2 billion, Senator Mikulski moved some funds into an unlimited war spending account and made other adjustments.

With the allocations now in place, the Senate committee approved the Agriculture and Military Construction-VA bills on May 22. The committee is expected to mark up two key spending bills June 3 in subcommittee and June 5 in full committee: Transportation-Housing, and Commerce-Justice-Science which funds the key science agencies NASA, NSF, NOAA, NIST and OSTP. The Senate Labor-HHS-Education subcommittee is likely to mark up its bill June 10 and with full committee markup following on June 12.

Senate bill would allow refinancing of older student loans to lower rates

A new bill on student loan refinancing will likely be brought to the Senate floor in early June by the Democratic leadership along with a strong media push geared to next fall's Congressional elections.

S.2292, *the Bank on Students Emergency Loan Refinancing Act*, was introduced last month by Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) and 29 other Democratic Senators. It would allow student loan borrowers to refinance FFELP and Direct loans -- or any private student loan -- into the current federal program under the new, market-based system enacted last summer. The rate in effect now for undergraduates is approximately 3.86 percent and the Warren bill would let all previous borrowers refinance to that rate.

To cover the substantial cost of making this change, the bill proposes to close tax loopholes for millionaires by setting a 30 percent minimum effective tax rate. The bill sponsors cite a recent GAO report estimating that the federal government will make \$66 billion on older student loans issued between 2007 and 2012 if nothing is done to allow refinancing to today's lower rates.

Outstanding student loans now total more than \$1.2 trillion, surpassing total credit card debt in the nation. Thirty percent of federal Direct student loans are in default, forbearance or deferment.

Bill sponsors say that allowing the refinancing will free up money that younger people can use to save for a car or a home mortgage, thus boosting the overall economy. A bill identical to the Senate bill has also been introduced in the House as H.R. 4582.

To read Sen. Warren's fact sheet, click [here](#) or the bill text, [here](#).

FIRST Act approved by House committee

The Frontiers in Innovation, Research, Science, and Technology (FIRST) Act, HR 4186, a two-year bill to reauthorize key Federal science agencies including the National Science Foundation and the National Institute of Standards and Technology, was approved by the House Science, Space and Technology Committee May 28 by a vote of 20 to 16.

The bill would provide \$8 billion this year and \$8.1 billion in Fiscal 2015. Several controversial amendments were approved along party-line votes during an extended markup. One amendment would require NSF grantees to certify that scientific articles based on NSF-funded research are truthful. Violators would be prohibited from receiving future grants for several years. NSF will also be required to publish a justification of each grant's scientific merits and relevance to the broad national interest.

Another amendment approved would cut the authorization for the Social, Behavioral and Economics Directorate by \$50 million, continuing the committee's long-running effort to reduce funding for social and political science.

An original provision in the bill to set a policy on "public access" to the results of federally funded research was maintained, however the amount of time for a scientist to place publications in the public record was shortened from 24 to 12 months from publication.

Another provision directs an interagency task force to write a research and action plan addressing marine and freshwater algal blooms and hypoxia, providing \$21 million annually for the effort. The bill broadens the definition of STEM education to include computer science. To view the webcast or recorded votes, [click here](#).

House hearing examines NLRB unionization ruling for athletes

College athletes and unionization was the topic of a May 8 hearing by the House Education and the Workforce Committee. During the hearing, a panel discussed likely effects of a recent National Labor Relations Board decision allowing the unionization of student athletes. The group included a higher education administrator, athletic director, and former student athlete.

In a [letter](#) to Committee Chair John Kline (R-MN) sent in advance of the hearing, ACE President Molly Corbett Broad outlined the Council's stance on the issue. She noted that "the NLRA presupposes management at loggerheads with labor, with competing economic interests best resolved by collective bargaining. The NLRA focuses on the economic interests of management and labor. The NLRB is not in a position to consider all of the collateral consequences of a decision that student-athletes receiving athletic scholarships should be treated as employees." "If the federal government is to change the legal status of student-athletes," she concluded, "that judgment should be deliberated by the Congress, not announced by the NLRB."

To view the webcast "Big Labor on College Campuses: Examining the Consequences of Unionizing Student Athletes" or read witness statements [click here](#).

NIH changing policy and focus on inclusion of female animals and cells in preclinical studies

Speaking to the current imbalance in the inclusion of female animals and cells in basic research, NIH Director Francis Collins and the Director of the NIH Office of Women's Health Research, Janine Clayton, published a commentary in *Nature* on May 14 indicating that new policies on the matter will take effect for NIH grant applicants next October 1.

NIH will require that extramural research grantees balance male and female cells and animals in preclinical studies in all future applications for agency grant funding.

The NIH officials write that “The over-reliance on male animals and cells in preclinical research obscures key sex differences that could guide clinical studies. And it might be harmful: women experience higher rates of adverse drug reactions than men do. Furthermore, inadequate inclusion of female cells and animals in experiments and inadequate analysis of data by sex may well contribute to the troubling rise of irreproducibility in preclinical biomedical research, which the NIH is now actively working to address.”

According to the authors, NIH will work with the FDA to co-fund the Specialized Centers of Research on Sex Differences program, supporting interdisciplinary collaborations on sex and gender influences in health. The program also facilitates training in sex and gender considerations in experimental design and analysis.

To read the statement on NIH’s intentions in *Nature*, [click here](#).

Senate transportation reauthorization includes UTC program funding

With the current surface transportation bill set to expire at the end of September, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee took the first step toward a new bill May 15 by holding a markup of its MAP-21 Reauthorization Act. Three other Senate committees also hold jurisdiction and would have to consider the bill before sending it to the floor.

The bill, as amended in the markup, would reauthorize the University Transportation Centers (UTC) program at the current level of funding -- \$72.5 million per year through Fiscal 2020, with no inflationary increase. Funding for the UTC program and other research programs would remain within the Highway Trust Fund thanks to an amendment by Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK.) Six Florida SUS institutions participate in 12 current UTC grant activities.

Other research programs would have their authorization levels reduced in the bill:

- Highway Research and Development Program reduced from \$115 million to \$57.8 million
- Technology and Innovation Deployment reduced from \$62.5 million to \$31.4 million
- Training and Education reduced from \$24 million to \$12.1 million
- Intelligent Transportation System reduced from \$100 million to \$50.2 million

The House has yet to produce its draft reauthorization bill. There are projections that the Highway Trust Fund (based on federal gas tax revenue) will run out of money this August, threatening to shut down highway construction projects across the nation. This pressure may lead to a short term fix by Congress as details of the next authorization are negotiated.

PCORI accepting applications for \$90 million in high impact clinical studies

The Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) opened an application process from May 19 through June 27 for its next cycle in disbursing \$90 million for nine “Large Pragmatic Studies to Evaluate Patient-Centered Outcomes.”

These high impact studies are intended to cover larger and longer comparative clinical effectiveness research studies, and include broader and more diverse populations than those found in traditional randomized controlled trials. PCORI wants to build a portfolio of “game changing” studies to provide new information to patients and their health care providers. PCORI has 19 areas they are interested in exploring through this grant mechanism.

Competitive Letters of Intent are required for this program’s second round of funding which will be awarded in the fall. A technical assistance webinar will be held on June 4. To register, click [here](#). To read more, see this [blog post](#). For more details program info, please visit the PCORI [funding center](#).

\$75 million available to universities in new education innovation grants

The Administration announced its new “First in the World” program to foster innovation in higher education on May 15, releasing details of a national competition for \$75 million in grants. The funding was provided for the first time in the Fiscal 2014 appropriations bill for the Department of Education. The Fiscal 2015 budget request is \$100 million.

First in the World grants (operated under the FIPSE program) will be aimed at developing innovative approaches to expand access and affordability and improve student outcomes. The program will reserve \$20 million for minority-serving institutions in the competition. Applications are due June 30 and grants are scheduled to be awarded by the end of September. The Education Department intends to fully and forward fund all successful applicants for the four-year life of the grant.

The competition aims to increase postsecondary access, affordability and completion for underrepresented, underprepared or low-income students at institutions across the country. Proposals are expected to address key priorities around boosting enrollment and attainment for those students, or minimizing gaps between these students and their peers; improving transfer rates between community college and four-year institutions; increasing enrollment and completion rates among underrepresented, underprepared or low-income students in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs; reducing time to completion; and increasing college affordability.

The first technical assistance webinar was held May 28 and a second one is scheduled for June 4. To read the Federal Register Notice, [click here](#). To read a press release, [click here](#).

Hearings focus on veterans in higher education

Two Congressional hearings this month have addressed veterans' education issues. The House Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing May 8 considering the Post 9/11 GI bill and education issues in "Defining and Improving Success for Student Veterans."

Among the suggestions of witnesses were ways to improve the GI Bill comparison tool provided by the VA. The issue of providing credit for military training and making the military service branch a student's transfer institution was also discussed. To view the webcast or testimonies, [click here](#).

The Senate Health Education and Pensions Committee hosted a similar hearing May 23 on "Access and Supports for Servicemembers and Veterans in Higher Education." Discussion centered on building support systems for students, ways to improve financial assistance for veteran's education and on accountability. To view the webcast, [click here](#).

Student loan interest rates set by Department

The Education Department has announced its interest rates for Direct loans to be disbursed between July 1 and next June 30, 2015. To read the statement, [click here](#). See the chart below:

Federal Direct Student Loans 2014-2015 Interest Rates Effective for Loans First Disbursed on or after July 1, 2014 and prior to July 1, 2015				
Loan Type	Borrower Type	Index	Add-On	Fixed Interest Rate
		10-Year Treasury Note		
Direct Subsidized Loans	Undergraduate Students	2.612%	2.05%	4.66%
Direct Unsubsidized Loans	Undergraduate Students	2.612%	2.05%	4.66%
Direct Unsubsidized	Graduate/Professional Students	2.612%	3.60%	6.21%

Loans				
Direct PLUS Loans	Parents of Dependent Undergraduate Students and Graduate/Professional Students	2.612%	4.60%	7.21%

FY 14 Campus-based Aid Allocations: The Department of Education also recently [announced the campus awards](#) for the Federal Work-Study, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, and Federal Perkins Loan programs. For the complete list of schools that received awards see: [Notification of Campus-Based Funding for the 2014-2015 Award Year in PDF Format, 3MB, 273 Pages](#) See pages 52-63 for Florida schools.

GAO report issued on sequestration effects

The Government Accountability Office published a report May 28 on the effects of sequestration in 2013. The report looked at several agencies that provide funding to state and local governments and deliver services directly to individuals.

The GAO found that many of these agencies reduced or delayed services to account for the across the board cuts.

School districts GAO spoke with reported that reduced funding from the Department of Education's Office of Elementary and Secondary Education resulted in less resources for specialists providing extra instruction to students and an increase in the average number of students per elementary school class. For example, one district reported an average increase of two or three students per elementary school class from the prior school year.

The Department of Defense reported that canceled or limited military training and readiness activities could increase the number of non-deployable units, decrease surge capacity to meet additional requirements with ready forces, and lead to skills gaps.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services reported reducing the frequency of surveys to determine quality of care and compliance with federal standards at psychiatric hospitals from once every three years to once every four to five years and specialized organ transplant centers from once every three years to once every four to six years," according to the report.

The GAO also found that programs that had already implemented efficiency procedures before the Budget Control Act was enacted were better able to cope with sequestration. You can check out the full report [here](#).

Highlights of competitive grant opportunities at federal agencies

Agency: Department of Agriculture
Economic Research Service

Program: Establish a USDA Center for Behavioral and Experimental Agri-Environmental Policy Research

Description: The purpose of this grant is to establish and fund a USDA Center for Behavioral and Experimental Agri-Environmental Policy Research. The USDA Center will facilitate new and innovative research on the application of behavioral and experimental economics theory and practice to the provision of ecosystem services from the Nation's agricultural lands.

Due Date: 7/7/2014

Funding: Estimated Total Program Funding: \$750,000; Award Ceiling: \$750,000

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255553>

Agency: Department of Agriculture
Utilities Programs

Program: Distance Learning

Description: This grant is a competitive program which provides grant funding for distance learning and tele-medical equipment and related software to applicants that submit project proposals well planned to improve and increase quality educational and medical services in rural communities. The grant-funded technology must create multimedia interfaces so that video endpoints at different (distant) locations can facilitate educational and training courses between rural student(s) and teacher(s) and facilitate medical care between rural patient(s) and medical or health specialist(s).

Due Date: 7/7/2014

Funding: Estimated Total Program Funding: \$19,300,000; Award Ceiling: \$500,000

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255891>

Agency: Department of Agriculture
Utilities Programs

Program: Community Connect

Description: The purpose of the Community Connect Grant Program is to provide financial assistance in the form of grants to eligible applicants that will provide currently unserved areas, on a "community-oriented connectivity"

basis, with broadband service that fosters economic growth and delivers enhanced educational, health care, and public safety services.

Due Date: 7/7/2014

Funding: Estimated Total Program Funding: \$13,000,000; Award Ceiling: \$3,000,000

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255775>

Agency: Department of Education
The Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)

Program: Promoting Postbaccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans (PPOHA) Program

Description: The purposes of the PPOHA Program are to: (1) Expand postbaccalaureate educational opportunities for, and improve the academic attainment of, Hispanic students; and (2) expand the postbaccalaureate academic offerings, as well as enhance the program quality, in the institutions of higher education that are educating the majority of Hispanic college students and helping large numbers of Hispanic and low-income students complete postsecondary degrees.

Due Date: 6/27/2014

Funding: Estimated Total Program Funding: \$10,565,280; Award Ceiling: \$575,000

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=256131>

Agency: Department of Education
The Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)

Program: Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Fellowship Program

Description: The Fulbright-Hays DDRA Fellowship Program provides opportunities to doctoral candidates to engage in full-time dissertation research abroad in modern foreign languages and area studies. The program is designed to contribute to the development and improvement of the study of modern foreign languages and area studies in the United States.

Due Date: 6/24/2014

Funding: Estimated Total Program Funding: \$2,889,223; Award Ceiling: N/A

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255474>

Agency: Department of Education
The Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)

Program: Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program: Short Term Projects

Description: The Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad (Fulbright-Hays GPA) Program supports overseas projects in training, research, and curriculum development in modern foreign languages and area studies for groups of teachers, students, and faculty engaged in a common endeavor. Short-term projects may include seminars, curriculum development, or group research or study.

Due Date: 6/24/2014

Funding: Estimated Total Program Funding: \$1,374,133; Award Ceiling: \$125,000

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255471>

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB

Program: Address Trafficking within the Child Welfare Population

Description: The purpose of this announcement is to solicit proposals for 60 month projects that will address trafficking within the child welfare population by implementing existing recommendations to prevent, identify, and serve victims of trafficking. This funding is designed to continue the development of child welfare systems; response to trafficking through infrastructure building, and to create an evidence base of effective interventions and practices that promote better outcomes for children involved in the child welfare system.

Due Date: 7/22/2014

Funding: Estimated Total Program Funding: \$1,000,000; Award Ceiling: \$250,000

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255908>

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families - OPRE

Program: Family Strengthening Scholars

Description: This grant is meant to build capacity in the research field to focus research on questions that have direct implications for HMRF policy decision-making and program administration, and to foster mentoring relationships between faculty members and high-quality doctoral students. In addition, this grant is intended to address issues of significance to inform policy decisions and solutions, particularly for underserved/understudied

populations (e.g., low-income families, minority populations), utilize rigorous research methodology (both primary data collection and secondary data analysis), and help inform the development of future intervention research.

Due Date: 7/22/2014

Funding: Estimated Total Program Funding: \$75,000; Award Ceiling: \$25,000

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255910>

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families - ORR

Program: Refugee Home-Based Child Care Microenterprise Development Project

Description: The Office of Refugee Resettlement will provide funding for applicants proposing to implement home-based child care (HBCC) training and mentoring programs for refugees. Although the focus will be on refugee women, all services provided to refugee women under HBCCMED are available to refugee men who are able to benefit from these services.

Due Date: 7/14/2014

Funding: Estimated Total Program Funding: \$2,000,000; Award Ceiling: \$300,000

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255310>

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health

Program: Administrative Supplements for Minority Health and Mental Health Disparities Research

Description: The purpose of this funding opportunity is to support Administrative Supplements to active NIMH grants to address mental health disparities among racial and ethnic groups in the United States. Specifically, supplements should clarify distinct mechanisms underlying differences in risk, resilience, morbidity, and optimal delivery of interventions for mental disorders among diverse racial and ethnic groups.

Due Date: 8/1/2014

Funding: Estimated Total Program Funding: \$1,000,000; Award Ceiling: N/A

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=256016>

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health

Program: Advancing Research in Voice Disorders (R21)

Description: This funding opportunity seeks Research Project Grant (R21) applications that are focused on advancing our scientific knowledge of the Human Larynx and Human Voice Production in Health and Disease and optimal ways to prevent, evaluate, diagnose and clinically manage voice disorders.

Due Date: 9/7/2017

Funding: Estimated Total Program Funding: N/A; Award Ceiling: \$200,000

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255669>

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health

Program: Advancing Research in Voice Disorders (R01)

Description: This funding opportunity seeks Research Project Grant (R01) applications that are focused on advancing our scientific knowledge of the Human Larynx and Human Voice Production in Health and Disease and optimal ways to prevent, evaluate, diagnose and clinically manage voice disorders.

Due Date: 9/7/2017

Funding: Estimated Total Program Funding: N/A; Award Ceiling: N/A

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255670>

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health

Program: Silvio O. Conte Digestive Diseases Research Core Centers (P30)

Description: This grant invites applications for Silvio O. Conte Digestive Diseases Research Core Centers (DDRCCs). The DDRCCs are part of an integrated program of digestive and liver diseases research support provided by the NIDDK. The purpose of this Centers program is to bring together basic and clinical investigators as a means to enhance communication, collaboration, and effectiveness of ongoing research related to digestive and/or liver diseases. DDRCCs are based on the core concept, whereby shared resources aimed at fostering productivity, synergy, and new research ideas among the funded investigators are supported in a cost-effective manner.

Due Date: 11/19/2014

Funding: Estimated Total Program Funding: \$6,000,000; Award Ceiling: \$750,000

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255554>

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health

Program: IDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) [P20]

Description: The purpose of the Institutional Development Award (IDeA) Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) program is to augment and strengthen the biomedical research capacity of an IDeA-eligible state. The grant awards are made to independent biomedical research institutes and/or biomedical research institutions that award doctoral degrees in the health sciences or sciences related to health within IDeA-eligible states.

Due Date: 5/26/2016

Funding: Estimated Total Program Funding: N/A; Award Ceiling: N/A

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255505>

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health

Program: Exploratory Studies of Smoking Cessation Interventions for People with Schizophrenia (R33)

Description: The purpose of this opportunity is to provide support for grant applications of two major types. Type I will conduct exploratory testing of novel, targeted treatments for smoking cessation for individuals with schizophrenia. Type II will conduct exploratory testing of targeted implementation strategies of existing efficacious treatments at the service-delivery system level. Smokers with schizophrenia who have co-occurring alcohol and/or substance abuse disorders are also a population of interest. Under this FOA, trials should be designed so that results, whether positive or negative, will provide information of high scientific utility and will support decisions about further development or testing of interventions or implementation strategies

Due Date: 4/17/2017

Funding: Estimated Total Program Funding: \$3,500,000; Award Ceiling: \$225,000

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255489>

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health

Program: Nutrition Obesity Research Centers (NORCs) (P30)

Description: This opportunity invites applications from institutions/organizations that propose to establish core centers that are part of an integrated and existing program of nutrition and/or obesity research. The Nutrition Obesity Research Centers (NORC) program is designed to support and enhance the national research effort in nutrition and obesity. NORCs support three primary research-related activities: Research Core services, a Pilot and Feasibility (P and F) program, and an Enrichment program.

Due Date: 6/18/2015

Funding: Estimated Total Program Funding: \$9,000,000; Award Ceiling: \$750,000

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255468>

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health

Program: NEI Center Core Grants for Vision Research (P30)

Description: An NEI Center Core Grant combines three or more Resource and/or Service Cores for a group of R01 investigators to enhance their research, consolidate resources, avoid duplication of efforts, and/or contribute to cost effectiveness by providing a service with lower cost or higher quality than could be attempted for independent projects by several individual Program Directors/Principal Investigators. This program is designed to enhance an institution's environment and capability to conduct vision research and to facilitate collaborative studies of the visual system and its disorders.

Due Date: 9/30/2016

Funding: See announcement

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255491>

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health

Program: Exploratory Studies of Smoking Cessation Interventions for People with Schizophrenia (R21/R33)

Description: The purpose of this announcement is to provide support for grant applications to generate and conduct preliminary tests of targeted smoking cessation treatments for individuals with schizophrenia. Smokers with

schizophrenia who have co-occurring alcohol and/or substance abuse disorders are also a population of interest.

Due Date: 4/17/2017

Funding: Estimated Total Program Funding: \$3,500,000;

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255488>

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health

Program: NIH Science Education Partnership Award (SEPA) (R25)

Description: The goal of the Science Education Partnership Award (SEPA) program is to invest in educational activities that enhance the training of a workforce to meet the nations biomedical, behavioral and clinical research needs. To this end, this funding opportunity announcement encourages the development of innovative educational activities for pre-kindergarten to grade 12 (P-12), teachers and students from underserved communities with a focus on Courses for Skills Development, Research Experiences, Mentoring Activities, Curriculum or Methods Development or Informal Science Education exhibits, and Outreach activities.

Due Date: 6/22/2016

Funding: Award Ceiling: \$250,000

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255436>

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health

Program: Clinical Evaluation of Adjuncts to Opioid Therapies for the Treatment of Chronic Pain (R01)

Description: This announcement aims to fund applications designed to assess the clinical value of adjuncts prescribed to chronic pain patients together with opioid analgesics. Adjuncts of interest are either approved by the FDA or have previously been studied as an Investigational New Drug. Studies with adjuncts of interest should be focused on enhancing analgesia, rather than on reducing an adverse effect.

Due Date: 9/7/2017

Funding: See announcement

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255315>

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health

Program: Confirmatory Efficacy Clinical Trials of Non-Pharmacological Interventions for Mental Disorders (R01)

Description: The purpose of this grant is to support confirmatory efficacy testing of non-pharmacological therapeutic and preventive interventions for mental disorders in adults and children through an experimental therapeutics approach. Under this grant, trials must be designed so that results, whether positive or negative, will provide information of high scientific utility and will support go/no-go decisions about further development or effectiveness testing of a targeted, scaled-up intervention.

Due Date: 2/18/2015

Funding: Estimated Total Program Funding: \$5,000,000

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255223>

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health

Program: Diabetes Impact Award-Closed Loop Technologies: Clinical, Physiological and Behavioral Approaches to Improve Type 1 Diabetes Outcomes (DP3)

Description: This funding opportunity encourages applications from institutions/organizations proposing human studies to develop and/or test a highly reliable, wearable, portable, easy to operate system linking continuous glucose monitoring and pancreatic hormone delivery in a closed loop system. This research is intended to improve glucose control and quality of life of patients with type 1 diabetes.

Due Date: 11/24/2014

Funding: Estimated Total Program Funding: \$10,000,000

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255219>

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health

Program: Diabetes Impact Award-Closed Loop Technologies: Development and Integration of Novel Components for an Automated Artificial Pancreas System (DP3)

Description: This announcement encourages applications from institutions/organizations proposing original research addressing the development of new technologies that may be integrated in a wearable, portable, automated, closed loop system for a physiological glucose control in individuals with Type 1 Diabetes.

Due Date: 11/24/2014

Funding: Estimated Total Program Funding: \$6,000,000

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255220>

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health

Program: Long-Term Retention in Care for U.S. Substance Using Populations (R21)

Description: The purpose of this grant is to encourage research on long-term retention in care leading to sustained viral suppression among substance abusers.

Due Date: 5/7/2017

Funding: Award Ceiling: \$200,000

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255312>

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health

Program: Long-Term Retention in Care for U.S. Substance Using Populations (R01)

Description: The purpose of this grant is to encourage research on long-term retention in care leading to sustained viral suppression among substance abusers.

Due Date: 5/7/2017

Funding: See announcement

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255313>

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health

Program: Long-Term Retention in Care for U.S. Substance Using Populations (R34)

Description: The purpose of this grant is to encourage research on long-term retention in care leading to sustained viral suppression among substance abusers.

Due Date: 5/7/2017

Funding: Award Ceiling: \$225,000

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255311>

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health

Program: Pre-application for the NIH-Industry Program: Discovering New Therapeutic Uses for Existing Molecules (X02)

Description: The National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) seeks to expand the therapeutics discovery program piloted in 2012, to explore new therapeutic uses for proprietary drug candidates (Agents) across a broad range of human diseases. This innovative program allows investigators to propose new therapeutic uses for Agents from pharmaceutical company partners. A strong application will be supported by scientific evidence that modulation of the Agents target will have a positive impact on the disease/condition.

Due Date: 7/15/2014

Funding: See announcement

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255057>

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health

Program: Fc Receptor (FcR) and Antibody Effector Function in HIV Vaccine Discovery (R01)

Description: The purpose of this funding opportunity is to stimulate and support investigator-driven collaborative research to: 1) probe how vaccine elicited antibodies protect against viral acquisition via Fc receptor (FcR) mediated mechanisms; and 2) benchmark functional profiles of vaccines that protect against viral infections to inform advancement of HIV vaccine candidates. This initiative will support basic/pre-clinical research and analysis of clinical samples to evaluate parameters critical for the elicitation of protective FcR antibody effector function.

Due Date: 1/7/2017

Funding: See announcement

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255053>

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health

Program: NK Cells to Induce Immunological Memory to Prevent HIV Infection (R01)

Description: The purpose of this funding opportunity is to support multidisciplinary, hypothesis-driven research on Natural Killer (NK) cells, leading to the discovery of pathways relevant for early immune responses and immune regulation impacting the potential protective immunity to be induced by HIV vaccination. Secondary objectives include the development of novel technologies to allow for more definitive studies of human immune monitoring in the context of vaccine clinical trials and the recruitment of innate immunologists to the HIV vaccine field.

Due Date: 1/7/2017

Funding: See announcement

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255063>

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health

Program: B Cell Help Immunology Program for AIDS Vaccine Strategies (R01)

Description: The purpose of this funding opportunity is to: (1) support multidisciplinary projects that define the role(s) played by innate immunity and T cells in shaping the B cell response to HIV-1 antigens; and (2) identify strategies to modulate innate immune mechanisms and T cell differentiation pathways to optimize B cell helper functions for enhancing HIV-1 vaccines and generating long-term memory.

Due Date: 1/7/2017

Funding: See announcement

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255065>

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health

Program: HIV Vaccine Vector-Host Interactions: Understanding the Biology and Immunology (R21)

Description: The purpose of this funding opportunity is to support increased understanding of the biology and immunology of natural viral infections and HIV vaccine vectors. Applications should focus on four vaccine viral vector platforms developed from Adenoviridae, Poxviridae, Herpesviridae, or Adeno-associated viruses in humans or non-human primates (NHPs).

Goals of the research include the development of improved safety models to assess the potential vaccine-related effects such as increased HIV infection rates due to immune activated vector-specific HIV target cells (e.g. CD4+ T-cells).

Due Date: 1/7/2017

Funding: See announcement

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255129>

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health

Program: HIV Vaccine Vector-Host Interactions: Understanding the Biology and Immunology (R01)

Description: The purpose of this funding opportunity is to support increased understanding of the biology and immunology of natural viral infections and HIV vaccine vectors. Applications should focus on four vaccine viral vector platforms developed from Adenoviridae, Poxviridae, Herpesviridae, or Adeno-associated viruses in humans or non-human primates (NHPs). Goals of the research include the development of improved safety models to assess the potential vaccine-related effects such as increased HIV infection rates due to immune activated vector-specific HIV target cells (e.g. CD4+ T-cells).

Due Date: 1/7/2017

Funding: See announcement

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255130>

Agency: Department of Justice
Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention

Program: OJJDP FY 2014 Youth With Sexual Behavior Problems Program

Description: This program will fund agencies that utilize a comprehensive, multidisciplinary approach to provide intervention and supervision services for youth with sexual behavior problems and treatment services for their child victims and families. Award recipients will target for services youth with sexual behavior problems, their child victim(s), and parents/caregivers.

Due Date: 7/17/2014

Funding: Award Ceiling: \$400,000

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255504>

Agency: Department of Justice
Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention

Program: OJJDP FY 2014 Investigator-Initiated Research on Risk Assessment

Description: This opportunity seeks applications for research studies on the implementation and impact of risk assessment in the juvenile justice system. OJJDP works with communities across the country to divert youth who pose low public safety and recidivism risk from the juvenile justice system and to provide youth in the system with appropriate and effective interventions and services.

Due Date: 6/30/2014

Funding: \$1,000,000

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255336>

Agency: Department of State
Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs

Program: FY 2015 Survey of International Educational Exchange Activity

Description: The Educational Information and Resources Branch, Office of Global Educational Programs, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs , announces an open competition for the FY 2015 Survey of International Educational Exchange Activity. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to conduct a statistical survey (census) of foreign nationals enrolled in institutions of higher learning in the United States, foreign scholars at U.S. institutions, and U.S. students enrolled in institutions of higher learning in the United States participating in study abroad programs and collaborate with international partners to extend research and reporting on global student mobility patterns.

Due Date: 6/19/2014

Funding: Award Ceiling: \$550,000

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255431>

Agency: Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service

Program: R3 Eastern Tallgrass Prairie and Big Rivers Landscape Conservation Cooperative

Description: The Eastern Tallgrass Prairie and Big Rivers Landscape Conservation Cooperative is seeking project ideas for potential funding in 2014. The ETPBR LCC is responsible for identifying, prioritizing, and supporting projects that will address the scientific uncertainties and needs that can inform better conservation.

Due Date: 6/13/2014

Funding: Estimated Total Program Funding: \$200,000; Award Ceiling: \$100,000

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255068>

Agency: National Archives and Records Administration

Program: Archives Leadership Institute

Description: The Archives Leadership Institute seeks to build the capacity of attendees as leaders both in their own institutions and in the archives field. The NHPRC envisions a minimum of a one-week program that will tailor contemporary best practices in leadership skills to issues specific to archives professionals. The grantee will be responsible for all project phases, from curriculum design and development through administering the program for the attendees it selects.

Due Date: 12/4/2014

Funding: Estimated Total Program Funding: \$225,000; Award Ceiling: \$225,000

Website: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=255708>

Agency: National Science Foundation

Program: Partnerships for Innovation: Accelerating Innovation Research-Technology Translation (PFI: AIR-TT)

Description: The PFI: AIR-TT solicitation serves as an early opportunity to move previously NSF-funded research results with promising commercial potential along the path toward commercialization. Projects are supported to demonstrate proof-of-concept, prototype, or scale-up while engaging faculty and students in entrepreneurial/innovative thinking.

Due Date: 9/2/2014

Funding: Estimated Total Program Funding: \$8,000,000; Award Ceiling: N/A

Website: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2014/nsf14569/nsf14569.htm>

Agency: National Science Foundation

Program: Industry/University Cooperative Research Centers Program (I/UCRC)

Description: The Industry/University Cooperative Research Centers (I/UCRC) program develops long-term partnerships among industry, academe, and government. Each center is established to conduct research that is of interest to both the industry members and the center faculty. An I/UCRC contributes to the nation's research infrastructure base and enhances the intellectual capacity of the engineering and science workforce through the integration of research and education.

Due Date: 6/27/2014

Funding: See announcement

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5501

Agency: National Science Foundation

Program: Innovation Corps Sites Program

Description: In order to contribute to a national innovation ecosystem, NSF established the NSF Innovation Corps Sites Program (NSF I-Corps Sites). The purpose of an I-Corps Site is to nurture and support multiple, local teams to transition their ideas, devices, processes or other intellectual activities into the marketplace.

Due Date: 6/27/2014

Funding: See announcement

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=504802